Interactive Student Notebooks

Interactive Student Notebooks (ISN) enable students to be creative, independent thinkers and writers. This year you will be making your very own history book. You will be recording history in an engaging way and transforming your ideas into colorful visuals. This notebook will be a portfolio of what you have actually learned.

Interactive Notebooks allow students to record information and **process** it to improve your level of understanding. As you learn new ideas, you will use several types of writing and graphic techniques to record them. Then you will do something with those ideas. This process will get you to use critical-thinking skills to organize and process information. As a result, you can become more creative, more independent thinkers and you will have a deeper understanding of what you are learning.

In Interactive Notebooks, key ideas are underlined in color or highlighted; Venn diagrams show relationships; cartoon sketches show people and events or summarize main ideas; indentations and bullets allow you to rank information in order of importance; arrows show cause-and-effect relationships. By using this process, you will develop graphic thinking skills which will allow you to express ideas in the way **you** will best understand.

**You notebook will have several key sections**

**Cover** – this will be your first assignment. It will reflect your place in history.

**Goals**- you will be making a Social Studies Goal each quarter and will be reviewing it periodically during the quarter.

**Table of Contents** –You will be creating an on-going table of contents so that your information will easily be organized

**Glossary** – you will be making an active glossary of Social Studies words that you will use throughout the year

**Author Page** – this page will be about you. You will illustrate your hobbies, interests, talents, travels and information about your family.

**Each page of your notebook will be divided into a right and left side.**

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| Left Side | Right Side |
| Student process – output of information   * React * Reflect * Organize * Question * Diagram * Brainstorm * Web | Teacher directed- input of information   * Notes * Worksheets * Questions * Study Guides |

**Supplies**

Students will need a binder, notebook paper, pencil, colored markers or colored pencils, and a highlighter.

**Evaluation**

Your Interactive Student notebook will be graded several times during the quarter using a rubric. I will be looking at the quality of your work, the visual appearance of the notebook and the evidence of learning.